GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
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UTILIZATION CAPACITIES OF MACHINES
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Press authorities of Faridabad and Nasikfailed to furnish the utilisation capacities of the machines named `High Speed Computerised programme guillotine cutting machines` before CAG investigating team;

(b) whether the amount Rs.18.38 lakhs spent on the purchase of these machines had gone down the drain;

(c) whether the crew recruited to operate the said machines have been paid without work; and

(d) the justification for the purchase of the said machines?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY O URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a): Information about capacity utilization could not be provided to the audit team, because assessed capacity for such auxiliary machines is not fixed in the Presses. Only in respect of main printing machines the Assessed capacity is fixed and capacity utilization checked. The audit has been apprised about this on 7.8.2001. No further comments have been received from the audit.

(b)to(d): The said machines are an essential auxiliary equipment for any printing press and are in use since their installation in the Presses. similarly no special crew were recruited for operating these machines and the work is done by regular binding staff of the Press.